

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING  
COMPOUNDS FOR TREATING DISEASE  
STATES

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination for the above-referenced application. A final Office Action was mailed on January 21, 2010, for which a response was due on April 21, 2010. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 21, 2010. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.